the closing of the Vaish Higher Secondary School and the absorption of the staff in other schools has not yet been regularised, while they are entitled to such regularisation; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the steps contemplated by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Delhi School Education Rules, 1973 do not specifically provide for regularisation of such break in service. The matter is however engaging the attention of Delhi Administration.

Closing of schools under Delhi Administration

2097. SHRI SHARAD YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of aided schools closed down by the Delhi Administration after the enforcement of the Delhi Schools Education Act;

(b) whether the reserve fund of such schools has been utilised by the Education Department in paying 5 per cent of the management's share towards the salary of the staff which the managing committees were unable to pay;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor stating the manner in which the amount has been utilised;

(d) whether the Education Department exercised its power under Rules 71 and 72 in paying the 100 per cent salary to the staff of these aided schools where the management of these schools are unable to pay 5 per cent of its share; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor stating the manner in which 100 per cent salary to the staff is contemplated to be paid by the Delhi Administration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATOION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha as soon as possible.

Suspension of grants/aids to Delhi Administration Schools

2098. SHRI RASHEED MASOOD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the aided schools under Delhi Administration whose aid/grant is under suspension together with the reasons therefor in each case;

(b) whether the Delhi Education Department directly paying ninety five per cent salary to the staff of these schools while their is a provision for making 100 per cent payment of salary etc. through direct payment under rules 71 and 72 of the Delhi School Education Act, 1973: and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor stating the amount given by the managements of these aided schools in the form of 5 per cent share towards the salary payment of the staff during the last financial year and the amount given by the Delhi Education Department to the managements of the aided schools in the form of grants other than staff salary grant during the last financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) As reported by Delhi Administration there is no aided school under them whose grant-in-aid has been suspended.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Discarded buses by DTC

2099. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that discarded buses by the Delhi Transport Corporation are being auctioned; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) how many unserviceable buses have been discarded by the Delhi Transport Corporation during the years 1984, 1985 and 1986 upto 31st July, 1986; and

(d) what is the procedure being adopted by the Delhi Transport Corporation to dispose of the discarded buses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d). The discarded buses of D.T.C. are disposed off by Tender-cum-Auction. At present this work is entrusted to Metal Scrap Trading Corporation Ltd., a Government of India enterprise, by an agreement entered into by D.T.C. in October, 1985. According to the procedure followed, M.S.T.C. invites tenders in advance and then holds open auction. The discarded buses are then disposed off against the highest offer received in either, the number of unserviceable buses discarded by D.T.C. during the years 1984, 1985 and 1986 (upto 31st July, 1986) has been 839,26 and 77* (*includes 4 mini buses and 3 matadors) respectively.

News item 'Saris in the air'

2100. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in "The Statesman" of 30th July, 1986 under the caption "Saris in the air Airlines taken for a ride"; and

(b) if so, what is the Government's reaction to the main allegation made therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A report received from Indian Airlines on the subject is under examination.

Nonfunctioning of Radar at Dum-Dum Aidport

2101. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Radar at Dum-Dum airport went out of order on the 18th June, 1986;

(b) if so, for how long the instrument remained out of order; and

(c) what was its effect on the flights from the airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) About 18 hours.

(c) There was no effect on the flights.

Serving of meals to passengers on Delhi-Moscow route

2102. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Boeing 707 operating on Delhi-Moscow route, Air India do not serve vegetarian meals to the passengers; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir. Air India serves both vegetarian and non-vegetarian meals on all flights operating on the Delhi-Moscow sector.

(b) Does not arise.

Additional facilities in Vijaywada Division

2103. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received any representation from the Indian Chamber of Commerce, Guntur